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Brazeau kicked out of Tory caucus

Domestic violence?

Controversial, outspoken senator off Conservative benches amid reports he had been arrested

Controversial Conservative Sen. Patrick Brazeau was turfed from his party's caucus and believed to be behind bars Thursday after a 911 call summoned police to his home to investigate a complaint of domestic violence.

Brazeau, long a prominent and polarizing figure both within Canada's aboriginal community and beyond, was swiftly removed from the Conservative caucus after police arrived at his home in Gatineau, Que., around 9 a.m.

About three hours later — with Brazeau believed to be in custody, a red police-tape cordon around his house and a cruiser parked in the driveway — a letter was circulated among caucus that he was no longer a member.

"It's known that in light of the serious events that have been reported today, I have removed Sen. Brazeau from the Conservative caucus," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the Commons.

"Our understanding is that these are matters of a personal nature rather than Senate business, but they are very serious and we expect they will be dealt with through the courts."

House Leader Peter Van Loan later confirmed in the House that Brazeau's departure was directly linked to reports of a domestic incident.

Brazeau, however, has been a thorn in the Conservative caucus' side for months, most recently over allegations that he was using other people's addresses in order to qualify for a Senate housing allowance and an aboriginal tax exemption.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau
FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police described Brazeau's house as a crime scene, although they refused to confirm it was indeed the senator who was in custody, saying only that a man was arrested at the Gatineau address after a call to 911.

By the dinner hour Thursday, no charges had been formally laid. Police said they would keep the suspect in custody pending a possible court appearance Friday morning.

"There's no charge right now at the moment, but we will continue our investigation," said Gatineau police spokesman Pierre Lanthier.

Lanthier would not comment on the condition of the victim.

Brazeau's office said Thursday that he would remain in the Senate as independent.

Were he to face charges, Brazeau would be placed on leave from the Senate, and though he could still attend sessions, his access to benefits would be curtailed. He would only be suspended if convicted of an indictable offence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Divisive from the start

Calls for Brazeau's removal from the Senate began almost from the day he was appointed by Harper in 2008.

- He was 34 when called to the red chamber, making him the third-youngest appointee in its history. Critics howled over his access to a salary of about $132,000 a year and a generous pension plan.

A police officer attaches police tape outside the house of Sen. Patrick Brazeau in Gatineau, Que., on Thursday. Brazeau was kicked out of the Conservative caucus Thursday amid media reports that he'd been arrested following an alleged domestic disturbance at his home. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Regina's top chef ready to compete at national contest

Representing the city. Milton Rebello of Radisson Plaza Hotel Saskatchewan a contestant in Canadian Culinary Championships

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It has been a long road to the Canadian Culinary Championships for Regina chef Milton Rebello.

"I have been a chef for 20 years," said Rebello, who started his career in India and worked in seven countries before landing smack dab in the middle of the Canadian Prairies.

"My dad used say, 'Find a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life,' and here I am cooking and loving it," said Rebello, who is the executive chef at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Saskatchewan.

Rebello will be representing his hotel and Regina in the Canadian Culinary Championships taking place in Kelowna, B.C., on Feb. 8 and 9. Ten of the country's best chefs will also be representing their cities at the competition.

"We want to bring this home for Regina," said Rebello. "There has been terrific support from everyone I have met.

"I have a very good feeling, but I don't want to shoot myself in the foot because I am competing with the best chefs, but I am going to give all I have."

Also included in the competition is Saskatoon's Darren Craddock from the Riverside Country Club.

Rebello says he tries to use local ingredients as much as possible when he is cooking.

"In the winter there isn't much, but we get the best products in summer," said Rebello.

"When you have fresh ingredients you don't have to over-do them, the ingredients will speak for themselves."

The competition will include a mystery wine pairing, a black-box competition and a grand finale.

Chef Milton Rebello putting the finishing touches on some dishes. CONTRIBUTED/RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL SASKATCHEWAN

Pipeline squeeze 'devastating,' report says

Premier Brad Wall addresses the media at the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly on Thursday. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

The inability to get Western Canadian crude to the right markets is costing the country's economy dearly, according to a new report paid for by the Saskatchewan government.

Each stalled pipeline project means a loss to the Canadian economy of $30 million to $70 million every day, said the report penned by the Canada West Foundation, a Calgary-based think-tank.

"The economic impact is just devastating," foundation CEO Dylan Jones said in an interview Thursday.

The Saskatchewan government paid $50,000 to commission the report.

Premier Brad Wall has been an outspoken supporter of new pipeline projects, most recently signing a letter, along with 10 U.S. governors, urging U.S. President Barack Obama to approve the Keystone XL pipeline.

Alberta's oilsands, the third-largest reserves on the planet, get most of the attention when it comes to the pipeline debate.

But Saskatchewan, which has considerable oil resources of its own, is affected by the pipeline pinch as well, Wall said in Regina.

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Politics

There has been push-back on pipelines.

- **Concerns.** Environmental opposition has been particularly strong to pipelines that would ship oilsands bitumen, the thick, tarry stuff that needs to be diluted in order to flow, and that alone might force governments to take a hard look at upgrading and refining opportunities at home, said Wall.

Research

How did that get there? University of Regina project tests cow manure on class roof

A project at the University of Regina called "poop on the roof" has taken cow manure to new heights.

Researchers trying to figure out how bacteria survive in cow dung despite the winter cold have set up a study on a classroom roof.

Team leader Dena McMartin says data from 14 rural sites in the last several years have shown really high bacterial counts in the spring.

But she says there are too many variables in the field and not enough reality in lab work.

The rooftop offers a controlled environment and a weather station next door easily tracks conditions the specimens experience.

McMartin says figuring out how bacteria withstand the cold can ultimately increase farm productivity and keep water and soil safer.

Researchers from the University of Saskatchewan, Water Security Agency of Saskatchewan and Agriculture Canada have been working with the Regina group.

The Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre is also involved.

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Crime

Alleged child-porn computer images lead to arrest of Sask. man

Child-pornography charges have been laid after a police search of a home in west-central Saskatchewan.

RCMP say members of the Saskatchewan Internet Child Exploitation Unit, or ICE, went through the residence in Meadow Lake Wednesday morning.

They say a search warrant was issued after investigators were able to download several alleged child-pornography files from a computer in the home.

A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged with possession of child pornography and distribution of child pornography.

Reechmond Santos Benedicto will be in court on March 11. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Victoria

Pocket-dialling horror story

When a woman in Victoria got a call from her daughter's cellphone and heard terrified screams, she immediately dialled 911. It turned out the daughter was at a horror movie and had inadvertently called her mother. But police say they were forced to check on the daughter to make sure she was okay.

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Close call?

Massive asteroid about to soar past Earth

An asteroid measuring 150 feet will zip past Earth next week. The megarock will pass within 27,400 kilometres of the planet — the closest-known approach ever for an object of this size. But NASA scientists said Thursday there's no reason to worry. They insist there is absolutely no chance of a collision next Friday.

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Owen Sound, Ont.

City websites redirect visitors to pornography

It could be two weeks before Owen Sound, Ont.'s city websites, pulled down following a virus attack, are back online. Owen Sound officials say they're dealing with a problem that occurred on Sunday, when specific links on the city sites redirected users to a pornography website. Owen Sound Mayor Deb Haswell wants to assure residents that no private information has been compromised.

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Mark of the beast?

Man quits job over 666 scare

A Tennessee maintenance worker says he quit his job because his income-tax form was stamped with the number 666. Walter Slonopas said accepting the number would have condemned his soul to hell. That number is considered the mark of the beast in the Bible's Book of Revelation describing the apocalypse.

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Throng of Amish kids could lose parents over beard-cutting attacks

Edward Mast, a 19-year-old grandson of one of the 16 men and women facing sentencing Friday. KEITH SRAKOCIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sentencing. Defendants could face 10 years in prison for hate crime that was an attempt by a splinter group to shame outgoing members

More than 50 Amish children could lose one parent to prison — and most of the youngest could lose both — on Friday when 16 men and women are sentenced in beard-cutting attacks on fellow members of their faith in Ohio.

Most defendants could face as long as 10 years in prison and are asking the judge for leniency so they can return to their homes and farms to teach their sons a trade and their daughters how to sew, cook and keep house.

But their bid faces an uphill battle. Victims of the 2011 attacks, which the government called a hate crime and an attempt by a splinter group to shame members who left or denounced it, say justice is needed, especially for the ringleader.

In a rare interview last week in Bergholz at the community's sprawling farm amid rolling hills in eastern Ohio, unmarried 19-year-old Edward Mast, grandson of ring leader Sam Mullet Sr., said he is anticipating a life of mentoring Amish children and sharing in child-rearing if the parents go to prison.

While he spoke, a 15-year-old used a chainsaw to cut fence planks and a 12-year-old crisply drove nails into the planks as a 10-year-old held up the board. The youngest trudged in boots through ankle-deep mud and a creek surging with melting snow.

Prison terms will make the whole operation harder to maintain, Mast told The Associated Press. "It will be a mess," he said, shaking his head under a wide-brim hat.

Mullet broke away from the mainstream Amish in 1995, seeking stricter cultural rules and Scriptural interpretation than is the norm in the eastern Ohio community, authorities said. He was the undisputed leader of his group, counselling relatives on religious matters, negotiating drilling rights on his land and denouncing Amish who questioned his authority.

Some Amish spoke out against his authoritarian style, and the government said that led to the attacks, as Mullet tried to discipline dissenters who left his community and Amish bishops who condemned him.

Arlene Miller, 48, of Carrollton, whose husband, an Amish bishop, was among the victims, said she thinks Mullet deserves a tough sentence and the others should get less time if they get cult deprogramming counselling.

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Quoted

'It's a cult. Their minds were programmed in the wrong way by Sam Mullet, so we feel like these people are very deceived."

Arlene Miller, wife of one of the victims

Captain Kirk spaces out. Shatner chats with Canadian astronaut

There was a surreal moment in outer space Thursday, as the man who played Captain James T. Kirk chatted with a real-life astronaut aboard the International Space Station.

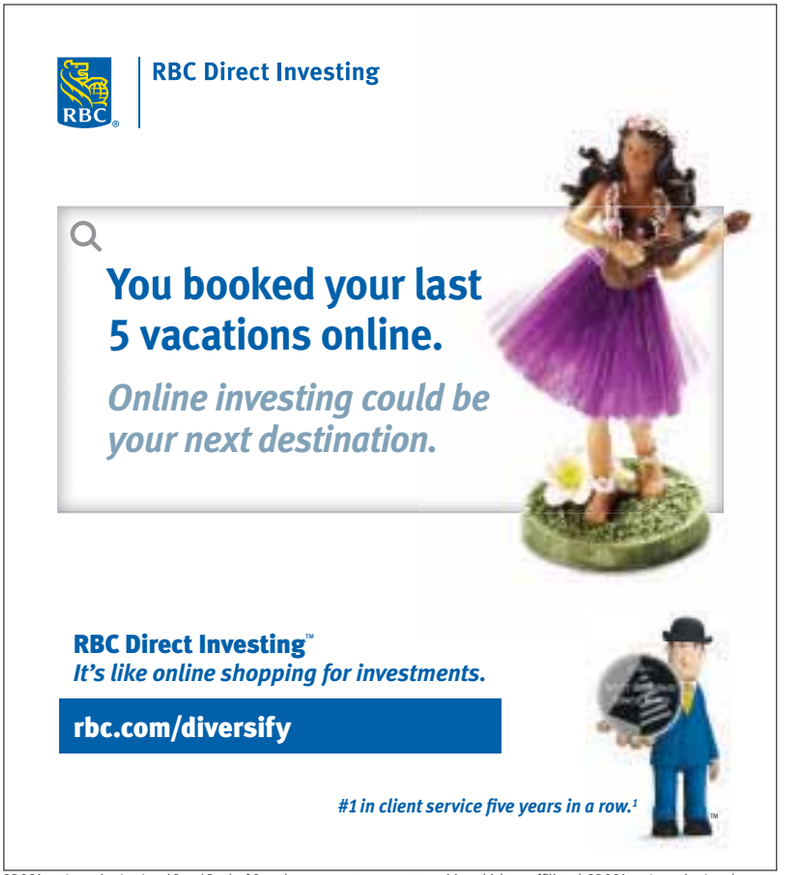
William Shatner, the Canadian-born actor of Star Trek fame, spoke for a few minutes with Chris Hadfield, who is currently on a five-month space voyage.

The actor asked serious questions about Hadfield's hopes for space travel, as well as his fears, and the emotions he felt as he stared out from beyond Earth. They also exchanged a few jokes. Shatner quipped that if he flopped while performing, the worst thing that could happen is he might sweat a little bit. "In your case," he told Hadfield, "you burn up."

He also asked Hadfield how he felt, being away from his home planet for so long. That prompted a philosophical reply from the astronaut about how far humanity has come since the original Star Trek era.

Hadfield responded that in the 1960s, having a phone chat with someone in outer space was the stuff of science fiction. Today, Hadfield said, it's a reality, and it helps make astronauts feel more closely connected to loved ones back home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Astronaut Chris Hadfield speaks live from the International Space Station with legendary actor William Shatner, Thursday. MARKETWIRE PHOTO/CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY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Saska-BOOM!

Province is Canada's economic Kevlar vest

While most of the country is feeling economically crunched with fewer job opportunities and budgets blanketed in red — Saskatchewan is booming.

A boom that could help protect the country against a shaky global economy.

"We have what the world wants right now, not just with respect to natural resources, but also in terms of agriculture," said Premier Brad Wall.

Wall highlights a 7.7 per cent growth in exports — the highest rate of growth in the country from November 2011 to November 2012 — saying the province is quite blessed to rely on multiple resources rather than just one. Currently, Saskatchewan is a major producer of potash, uranium, oil and natural gas and is a world leader in pulse crops.

In late 2012 the Conference Board of Canada reported that Saskatchewan is poised to have the fastest growing economy in 2013 and 2014, which boils down to two things: More money and more jobs.

"It's a great quality of life here," said Wall. "When you take a look at the rest of the country, it's very competitive from a cost-of-living standpoint, and there are jobs here that we can offer and jobs that are available right now."

With growth comes growing pains — something Wall said his government is working on keeping at a minimum — with major investments in infrastructure and appropriate tax exemptions.

Perhaps, most importantly, the boom is nowhere near slowing down.

"It's continuing … that's the first thing other Canadians should know, is that this is real what's happening here in Saskatchewan," said Wall.

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For many Canadians Saskatchewan is a 'fly-over' province; its sparsely populated countryside and infinitely flat
But Saskatchewan is maturing — and she's filling out nicely. Here are the top eight reasons

SUDDENLY SEXY SAS

Rural allure

Fresh as a daisy — dukes, that is, and just as cheeky

What can we say? Country is so hot right now, and we're not just talking about the sunny summers in the prairies. Daisy dukes and cowboy boots may have made their pop-culture comeback, but they never went out of style in Saskatchewan.

Baby, you can drive my car

Just call us sugar daddy

Saskatchewan ain't no scrub. You know the old joke about cash being the ultimate aphrodisiac? Well, Saskatchewan is well on its way to becoming the sugar-daddy province, with its high employment, high levels of business ownership and luxury shopping to match, like Saskatchewan's first Porsche dealership.

Hot as all get out

A future so bright, it needs shades

An international spotlight has been shining down on this province's sizzling talent like soccer dynamo Kaylyn Kyle, pictured here, who claimed bronze at the 2012 Olympics, and Saskatoon rockers the Sheepdogs. And keep an eye on up-and-coming folk-rockers Young Benjamins. Nothing's sexier than young blood.

She digs football

She's into the game: A fantasy come true

Hey guys, you know how you've always wanted a girlfriend who'd watch a football game? Well Saskatchewan women will also pick up the ball. Not just Roughriders fans, the province boasts the 2012 champs of the Western Women's Canadian Football League. And these ladies are sexily serious, forgoing the cutesy lingerie.

Baby, it's warm inside

Staying stoked all night long is what we do best

During the harsh Prairie winters there's nothing better than staying inside and keeping each other warm. While the methods of escaping severe winds and cold temperatures vary, it usually involves a fireplace, some sultry tunes and a 12-pack of Pilsner.

Wheat champ

1911

Rosthern farmer Seager Wheeler wins first of five world wheat championships with his entry of Marquis at the New York Land Show. He soon develops new varieties of barley, wheat and oats.

Hockey broadcast

1923

Saskatchewan's first radio station, CKCK Regina, airs one of the world's first live broadcasts of a pro hockey game: the Regina Capitals vs. the Edmonton Eskimos.

Marketing giant

1924

Co-operative Wheat Producers Limited (a.k.a. Saskatchewan's Wheat Pool) becomes the largest co-operative marketing organization in the world.

Pumped on natural gas

1934

Saskatchewan's first successful natural-gas well, Discovery No. 1, near Lloydminster, inaugurates the era of commercial production in the province that continues to this day.

Uranium rules

1952

The province's first major oil field is discovered and EMRL begins uranium production. The oil pumps for 40 years; uranium production marks the beginning of a 50-year reign as world's largest uranium producer.

Plentiful potash

1962

The potash mine at Esterhazy, which would become the world's largest, starts producing in earnest thanks to the Blairmore Ring, a technology that prevents mine-shaft flooding, which had stalled previous efforts.

landscape have become the butt of so many jokes. why Saskatchewan is sexy now

KATCHEWAN

IMAGE OF KYLE WITH PORSCHE: ELECTRIC UMBRELLA / BACKGROUND PRAIRIE IMAGE: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES / PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

We've got the nightlife

Brew pubs & bars & night clubs — oh yeah!

Sure, sure. In Saskatchewan you may think it's all farming and no play, but with brew pubs, bars, night clubs, concert venues and restaurants cropping up all over the place, we are defying the notion that we don't know how to party.

Growing culture

Great big art throb

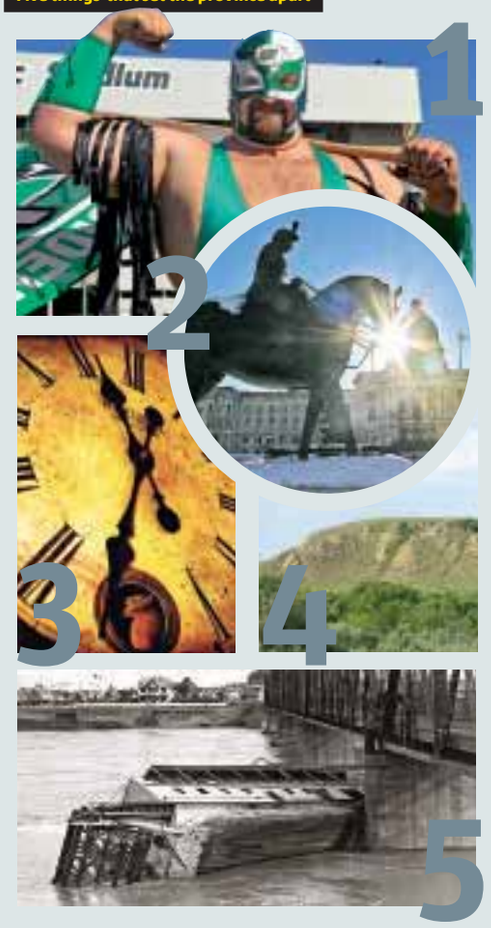
Saskatchewan takes its art seriously. Local talent is fiercely supported by the citizens of the province, which has encouraged musicians, performers and visual artists to put down roots. And the Remai Art Gallery of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, slated to begin construction in March, will feature a collection of original Picassos that is sure to wow and inspire.

Big on all outdoors

Rockin' the rugged wilderness

Do you like a certain lumberjack quality in your significant other? If so, then look no further than the frontiersmen and women of Saskatchewan. Many have been traversing the untamed wilderness on boats, skis and snowmobiles since they were no taller than a stalk of wheat. **JEFF MACKEY/METRO**

Five things that set the province apart



1 Rider pride. Most passionate fans

Riders merch accounts for approximately 70 per cent of all CFL sales. Why wouldn't you want your toothbrush, baby's onesie and golf tees in green and white?

2 Let it shine. Sunniest province

Not only do Saskatchewanians get the most sunrays, the province also has the highest number of hot days (more than 30 C) and one of the clearest skies annually.

3 Time stands still. No DST shift

Saskatchewan stays the same time year-round, the only province to shun daylight savings time. It switches between central and mountain time by simply not "springing ahead" and people like it that way.

4 It ain't so flat. Cypress Hills

Cypress Hills in the southwest part of the province is 4,567 feet above sea level, making it the highest point in Canada between Labrador and the Rocky Mountains.

5 Prairie's 'greatest'. Shipwreck

In 2012, archeologists discovered the wreck of a steamship in the South Saskatchewan River that sunk in Saskatoon in 1908. No one was killed in the century-old accident that was called the "greatest nautical disaster in prairie history." **ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO**

'It' place. Why people love it here

Metro talked to people who have lived in Saskatchewan all their lives, others who've come back, and those who are new to the province. Here's what they told us. **MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON**

"Here I can be a bigger fish in a small pond."

Ryan Smith, 32, CEO of Varial Technologies Inc. and co-founder of Ominocity, a music and culture blog. Sask. local.

"The quality of life that I have here (is) comparable to or better than ... a lot of other parts of Canada."

Bronwyn Stoddard, 27, copy writer at the Marketing Den. Sask. local.

"I figured opportunity seems to be everywhere but here, but things really changed here."

Paul Chavady, 25, real-estate agent. Came to Sask. in 2001 from India, moved to Calgary in 2006, returned to Sask. in 2007.

" I knew things had changed.... I felt it was the right time for me to come back."

Blair Braitenbach, 33, communications co-ordinator, FASD Support Network of Saskatchewan Inc. Sask. local, left for Calgary in 2003, returned in 2012.

"I know there's going to be no issues finding a job here in my field."

Millie Lemieux, 27, grad student at the University of Saskatchewan in animal behaviour. Grew up in the Ottawa Valley, moved to Sask. in 2011.

"I noticed right away ... just how friendly and open people were, and accepting."

Laurence Nixon, 25, account manager at zu web strategy, design and development agency. Recruited by U of S Huskies football program 2005, grew up in Richmond, B.C.

Indie campus

1974

The University of Regina is created as the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan becomes a separate institution.

1st debit card

1985

The first debit card in North America is tested at a Swift Current Pioneer Co-op. In 1981, the same credit union in Regina that brought Canada the ATM was busy working on the debit-card concept.

One-century young

2005

The province celebrates its 100th birthday.

Unemployment falls

2009

While Canada was in the midst of a recession, Saskatchewan was the only province to record a decline in unemployment.

Population rises

2012

As the economy grows, so does the population. The province's population reaches an all-time record of 1,086,564. Saskatchewan also sees the highest employment rate in July with 542,600 employed.

A-1 economy

2013

According to the Conference Board of Canada, Saskatchewan will have the top-ranked economy among the provinces, with a growth rate of 3.4 per cent. **JONATHAN RUSSELL AND ALI ZAFAR/METRO IN TORONTO**

Mr. Baird goes to Washington

Cross-border relations. Canada first on the list to meet with America's new secretary of state

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

John Baird will be the first foreign minister to sit down with America's newest secretary of state on Friday when he meets with John Kerry at the U.S. State Department to discuss an array of bilateral and international issues.

The two men will "discuss ways to deepen co-operation in the extensive Canada-U.S. relationship," including efforts to streamline trade and travel at the border, department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said Thursday.

Kerry, who was officially sworn in on Wednesday, insisted that he meet first with Canada's foreign minister.

"The secretary felt very strongly that our Canadian neighbour and ally should come first," Nuland said.

In a statement, Baird said he was looking forward to working with Kerry "to find new ways to create jobs, growth and opportunity on both sides of our shared border."

Nuland wouldn't bite on questions about who might become America's next ambassador to Canada. Several names are being bandied about by prognosticators in Canada-U.S. circles, including that of Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of assassinated former president John F. Kennedy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Keystone pipeline

- Nuland said TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline will almost certainly be a key topic of conversation between the two men on Friday.
- Baird made the case for Keystone approval during a weekend phone conversation with Kerry. The State Department will make the ultimate decision on Keystone because it crosses an international border.

Israel. Facebook helps woman beat traffic ticket

An Israeli woman has turned to Facebook to beat a parking ticket — and expose a Tel Aviv road crew.

Hila Ben Baruch says she parked her car legally near her Tel Aviv home only to find it gone and replaced with a handicapped parking sign. City hall slapped her with more than $300 US in fines. Making matters worse, she says a city representative accused her of lying when she called to complain.

Determined to prove her innocence, she obtained footage from a security camera showing municipal workers painting the handicapped symbol under her car, then towing the vehicle away.

She told Channel 2 she was "shocked." The video, put on Facebook, has gone viral.

The Tel Aviv municipality has apologized and refunded the fines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web

To see the video, visit metronews.ca

Syria. Soldiers shake their booty to Usher

A video posted online purportedly shows Syrian soldiers taking a break from the country's civil war by bopping around to American R&B star Usher's hit song, Yeah!

The soldiers dressed in camouflage combat gear — some armed with automatic rifles or rocket-propelled grenades poking out of their flak jackets — form a conga line and shimmy past the camera grinning.

The video, which was allegedly filmed in southern Syria, appeared to be authentic and the uniforms consistent with those worn by Syrian soldiers. It appeared on both pro-regime social networking sites and anti-regime YouTube channels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A screen shot taken from the video.
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A smog-free ride through Bogota on a Day Without Cars

Cyclists ride along an empty avenue that leads to the airport in Bogota, Colombia, on Thursday. Residents of Colombia's capital walked, biked or used public transport during a Day Without Cars, on the 13th year that cars have been banned for a day to promote alternative transportation as a way to reduce smog. FERNANDO VERGARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Boy Scouts given 14 weeks before vote to ease ban on gays

The Boy Scouts of America will be the focus of prayers, petitions and pressure tactics for the next 14 weeks as advocates on both sides of the U.S. cultural divide aim at swaying a vote on easing the ban on gays as Scouts or adult leaders.

After a campaign that promises to be as passionate and dramatic as any big election, a decision will be made the week of May 20 by the roughly 1,400 voting members of the BSA's National Council. The policy was supposed to be settled Wednesday by the Scouts' 70-member national executive board, but board members said the issue is so complex, the organization needed more time to study it.

At stake is a proposal to ease the ban that would allow sponsors of local Scout units to decide for themselves whether to admit gays. Gay-rights groups say the plan is inadequate, and that no units should be allowed to discriminate. Some conservative religious leaders and advocacy groups want the ban to stay in place nationwide.

Both sides are girding for intensive lobbying between now and late May, hoping to influence the outcome.

"Keep the pressure on," was the message Thursday from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation to its supporters.

The Human Rights Campaign, a major gay-rights group, said it will caution the BSA's corporate donors that they would lose points in an annual "equality index" if they continued to support the Scouts as long as any units were allowed to exclude gays.

Similar campaigns were being waged by conservative groups seeking to keep the ban in place.

Several groups have joined in an online campaign calling for the resignation of BSA executive board member Randall Stephenson, the CEO of AT&T, who said last year he would try to move the Scouts away from the ban on gays. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Nova Scotia government is handing tech giant BlackBerry $10 million over five years to make sure the company keeps at least 400 jobs in the province. Premier Darrell Dexter said that without the investment, the company could have moved the work elsewhere, draining high-paying jobs from the province.
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Market Minute

DOLLAR
100.20¢
(-0.25¢)

TSX
12,755.92 (-5.68)

OIL
$95.83 US (-79¢)

GOLD
$1,671.30 US (-$7.50)

Natural gas: $3.29 US (13¢)
Dow Jones: 13,944.05 (-42.47)

‘I do not have political ambitions,’ Carney says

Central banking. At U.K. confirmation hearing, incoming BoE governor puts rumours to rest

Mark Carney wanted to make one thing perfectly clear Thursday before submitting to his unofficial, and ultimately successful, job interview for governor of the Bank of England — “I do not have political ambitions.”

The proof, Carney said, is in his choice of taking on the extremely challenging post as England’s top banker.

The statement before his hearing in London was perhaps the most categorical disavowal of any political interest for now, or when he is expected to return to Canada in five years.

The issue arose after it was revealed in December that Carney had been courted for — and in some eyes appeared somewhat interested in — the Liberal leadership, as well as having vacationed in the summer home of the Liberal finance critic during the summer. The speculation in Canada is that Carney would be ready to jump into the political ring after returning from England in 2018.

Mark Carney, the current head of the Bank of Canada, will become governor of the Bank of England on July 1.
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

“I’m surprised it has been suggested that taking one of the most challenging jobs in central banking in another country would be politically advantageous in my home country,” he told the Treasury Select committee.

“If I had political ambitions, I would have pursued them in Canada and so I think this is revealed preference. I do not have political ambitions.”

In what appeared a shocking decision last fall, Carney was hand-picked by U.K. Chancellor George Osborne to take charge of the storied, 319-year-old institution on July 1, the first foreigner to ever do so.

The session began with some uncomfortable questions from chairman Andrew Tyrie, a Conservative MP, including why the Canadian changed his mind after first refusing the offer and whether he was worth his estimated $1.36 million pay packet, including a $390,000 housing allowance.

Carney was asked if he realized that Bank of England staff were under a pay freeze, and would he have taken the job for less? The outgoing Bank of Canada governor responded he did not know about the wage freeze, but added he did not feel the remuneration was excessive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

“I’m moving from one of the least expensive cities in the world, Ottawa, to one of the most expensive.”

Mark Carney, defending his pay packet before the Treasury Select committee.

Art market weathers Europe’s economic storm

This 1932 painting by Pablo Picasso entitled Woman Sitting Near a Window fetched almost $45 million US at auction Tuesday at Sotheby’s in London. Sales of impressionist, modern and surrealist art this week at Sotheby’s and rival Christie’s saw pre-sale estimates shattered, proving the high-end art market is weathering Europe’s economic storm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Movies. NHL lockout boon for Cineplex profits: CEO

A slate of Hollywood hits featuring superheroes and a secret agent helped exhibitor Cineplex Inc. deliver the best full-year results in its history, and an almost 200-per-cent increase in fourth-quarter profit.

Chief executive Ellis Jacob said Thursday that the NHL hockey lockout left Canadians with fewer options for Saturday night entertainment. He thinks that was at least part of the reason Cineplex saw quarterly attendance jump 23 per cent.

“I keep saying (it) helped us, but it’s hard to quantify,” Jacob said in an interview after the company reported its results.

“All I can tell you is personally when I asked people, ‘What are you doing?’ everybody on a Saturday night seemed to be going to a movie. When we checked the numbers it was hard to tell.”

A combination of high-adrenaline action movies like James Bond entry Skyfall and broadly appealing adventures like The Hobbit and the finale of the Twilight series gave hockey fans plenty of alternatives. “The movies were appealing to a much wider demographic,” Jacob added.
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Horseburger scandal. Polish official refutes Irish claims

Investigations in Poland have found no evidence backing Irish claims that Poland was the source of horsemeat that ended up in Irish and British burgers, a top Polish veterinarian said on Thursday.

Jaroslaw Naze, deputy head of Poland’s General Veterinary Inspectorate, said Ireland needed to hand over more documentary evidence, including of labels on the suspected meat supplies, so that Polish officials can complete their own investigation.

“I need the details from Ireland,” he said.

Tensions have emerged in recent days between the two countries, both major meat producers whose industries could be damaged by the horseburger scandal. Irish government officials and an Irish meat company have blamed the contamination of beef patties with horsemeat on meat imported from Poland. The issue has barely been an issue in the Polish media, and Naze, the official in charge of the investigation, has repeatedly cast doubt on the accusations.

Naze told The Associated Press on Thursday that he can only complete the Polish investigation “when I will have all documents from Ireland.”
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Quoted

There “are no signs that the horsemeat was in Polish beef. My investigation shows that the beef was beef.”

Jaroslaw Naze, deputy head of Poland’s General Veterinary Inspectorate

Investor activism

Apple sued over cash stockpiling

With its annual meeting looming and its stock on the decline, Apple is facing a rebellion from an activist investor who wants the company to stop stockpiling cash and give it to shareholders instead.

Greenlight Capital said it is suing Apple over the company’s proposal to eliminate preferred stock. David Einhorn, who heads the investment fund, said the proposal would close down one avenue for Apple to reward shareholders with more cash. Apple is still the world’s most valuable company, but its stock has lost 35 per cent of its value since September.
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THIS MIGHT SOUND CHEESY ...

THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
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It's officially time for the unofficial list of everything noteworthy or maybe just crazy. If it's worth talking about, it's here. If it's not listed, welp, then don't even think about bringing it up around the watercooler.

1 **Bilieb it.** Justin Bieber, often the butt of The Metro List, is elevated to No. 1 in honour of being the youngest artist to have five No. 1 albums on the Billboard Top 200. He turns 19 on March 1. Somewhere out there, Mozart's feeling old.

2 **A gravy state of affairs.** A fire destroys the St. Albert cheese factory, setting off a poutine panic in the nation's capital, as the supply of curds is cut off. Other cheese factories have offered to leap into the breach and produce emergency curds. Meanwhile, that sigh of relief is coming from Ottawa-area arteries.

3 **Speaking of clogged arteries.** Sen. Mike Duffy is in big trouble for claiming the expense allowance that goes with representing the good people of Prince Edward Island and maintaining a residence on The Gentle Island. The wags are calling him "Senator Come-From-Away," and the Opposition demands to know the last time he actually set foot in Cavendish, where he allegedly lives. Mike, who spent many years demanding answers as a national political correspondent, is uncharacteristically silent.

4 **Ottawa Babylon.** What's with the Senate? Usually little more than a dormitory for burnt-out bagmen, the Senate's on fire with scandal. Now Canada's youngest senator, Patrick Brazeau, has been linked to an alleged domestic disturbance and kicked out of the Tory caucus. When unelected political hacks behave badly, I say off with their expense accounts!

5 **Speaking of Prince Edward Island.** CreateSpace (owned by Amazon) has reinvented Anne of Green Gables as a blond, complete with heaving bosom and come-hither look. Huh? Anne fans are not amused. Where are the carroty pigtails and freckles? And who, exactly, is the world's largest bookseller trying to reach by sexing up the patron saint of P.E.I.? Definitely not your mother's Anne. Maybe your kid brother's?

6 **My kingdom for a hearse.** The bones of King Richard III, epic Shakespearean villain, are dug up in a parking lot in Leicester, England. His final resting place will likely be a tomb in the more royally suitable Leicester Cathedral. And along with the up-grave, he's getting an image makeover. Turns out the last Plantagenet wasn't a nasty, scheming hunchback after all, but the victim of 16th-century Tudor attack ads.

7 **BlackBerries ripe for picking.** RIM changes its name to BlackBerry and launches the sleek new Z10 phone in Canada and the U.K., but it won't be on sale in the U.S. until mid-March (where they'll call it the Zee10). Meanwhile, BlackBerry has hired songbird Alicia Keys to spread the musical word across America. Now, if only they can get her to stop tweeting from her iPhone.

8 **Year of the Snake.** If you've already booted your new year's resolutions, no problem. Lunar New Year, Feb. 10, gives you a chance to reboot. Let's just hope 2013 doesn't turn out like 1929, a previous snake-bit year!

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Justin Bieber flashes his abs on Late Night With Jimmy Fallon on Tuesday.
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The skin-ny on military training

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Military training

Going Spartan for S. Korean snow

Around 400 marines from South Korea and the United States have shed their shirts in sub-zero temperatures as part of a training exercise near the ski resort town of Pyeongchang, some 180 kilometres east of Seoul.

The bare-chested soldiers walked through icy water and performed pushups on the snow to test their limits in extreme conditions. **METRO**

Viral military

Air force parodies Les Misérables

Despite a penchant for serious training, South Korea's armed forces show they can have fun, too.

The country's air force has posted a Les Misérables parody on YouTube, complete with snow-shovelling airmen, a lovesick military service conscript and a vengeful superior officer.

The clip, entitled Les Militaribles, has amassed around a million views in just a few days. **METRO**

Army man's viewpoint

"Through this training session, Marine Corps of South Korea and the U.S. will learn how to adapt to various combat environments, including extreme cold and snow."

Lt.-Col. Lee Keun-soo to the Yonhap News Agency. It is the first time that the marine corps of the two allied nations have held such joint winter drills, officials said.

In numbers

18

days — the length of the marines' gruelling extreme training (until Feb. 22). Temperatures can dip below -20 C.

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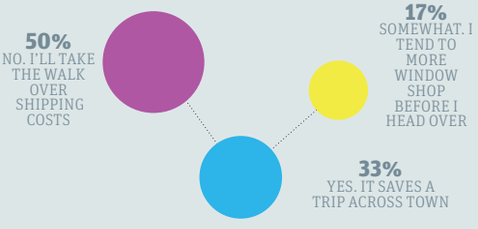
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@grittyteed:
In light of our collective 15+ point Hockey game today, @sevfigz and I deserve to to bathe in the finest medium cheddar #yqr has to offer.

@yatesdan:
Saskatchewan has Marilyn Manson fever ... although it sure sounds like it's Manson that has the Saskatchewan Fever. Sleep it off, buddy.

@andrews_ryan:
Looking for a job that requires me to play video games, watch movies and sleep all day. I guess I shall strive to be a senator in Canada.

@shaawwwnnn:
@KaylynKyle ahh the luxury of flying from stoon to regina. one can dream.

@BobLoblaw306:
I chime into Twitter discussions that are an hour old. Why do I have to work when everyone else is chatting?

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Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy are hardly rational humans in Identity Thief. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

‘Comedy’ a time thief

Identity Thief. Even Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy can’t save this plastic farce of a plot that hinges on stolen credit cards

Richard: Mark, there is suspension of disbelief. Then there’s stretching the limits of believability. And then there is Identity Thief. I don’t demand that my movies make perfect sense. Far from it. If I am enjoying the story I’m willing to overlook some leaps in logic. But the plot twists here simply don’t work. For one thing, I guess simply cancelling the stolen credit cards lacks comedic possibilities, but it would have been the right thing to do and it would have spared us this mostly unfunny “comedy.”

Mark: Richard, this is a very, very broad comedy, and I don’t just mean Melissa McCarthy’s pants. Frankly, I found it hard to sit through what felt like a bad remake of Trains, Planes and Automobiles with John Candy in drag and assassins just behind. But I don’t know which I found more dispiriting — the actors trying to wring a few drops of laughter from the nonsensical yet predictable script or the sentimental relationship between the main characters, which would NEVER, EVER happen if ANY detail of the film were real.

RC: The sickly sentimentality of the last half of the movie — he learns confidence, she gains a conscience — tries to humanize two characters who don’t behave like humans. It would be like the Three Stooges unloading onscreen about childhood trauma. You can’t make us feel for these characters no mater how often you show McCarthy crying, because there isn’t an ounce of authenticity anywhere in the film.

MB: Correct! But what you might feel, as I did, is what a fine actor McCarthy is, even with this bogus material, and how badly you want her to be paired with another script of Bridesmaids quality. As far as Bateman goes, he’s Paul Rudd lite, but even Rudd would not have made a difference here. I knew from the early scene with Jon Favreau that there was nothing grounding this flick.

RC: McCarthy’s timing is perfect. Over dinner when she’s asked, “Do you know what a sociopath is?” She replies, “Do they like ribs?” Not a great gag but her timing sells it. Imagine what she might have done with actual jokes.

MB: Usually in a movie like this one, there’s one supporting actor who’s rises above the rest of the movie. In this one, nobody. Zilch. Poor Amanda Peet, forced, probably at gunpoint, to act with only her pert hairdo.

Synopsis

After struggling midlevel executive Sandy Patterson (Jason Bateman) foolishly divulges his credit card information over the phone to Diana (Melissa McCarthy), she steals his identity and quickly racks up five-digit debt on his cards. When the cops in his home state of Colorado inform him they can’t do anything unless she comes to Denver, he goes to Florida, finds her and vows to drive her back, across the country, to justice.

Star ratings:

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

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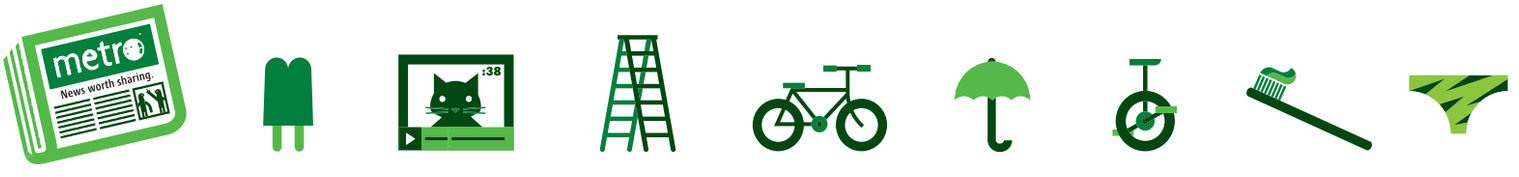

easy hard

Thriller

Pusher

Director. Luis Prieto

Stars. Richard Coyle, Agyness Deyn

Based on Danish filmmaker Nicolas Winding Refn's (Drive) famed trilogy, Pusher is an English adaptation about a dope trafficker trying desperately to amend a botched transaction before a hulking Balkan drug lord busts him up. As familiar a story as it is, star Richard Coyle laces his performance as the desperate dealer with empathy and the frenzied editing and energetic soundtrack by electronic group Orbital makes Pusher a potent potboiler.

STEVE GOW

Drama

Side Effects

Director. Steven Soderbergh

Stars. Rooney Mara, Channing Tatum, Jude Law

If this is in fact to be Steven Soderbergh's final film as a director released in theatres, he's going out on a pretty good note. There are better entries in his filmography — like Traffic or last year's Magic Mike or even Ocean's 11 — but the eclectic director can still count this one as a high point. The twisty, intrigue-filled plot — which we can't go into too much detail about because spoilers abound — has an engaging neo-Hitchcock vibe, but Soderbergh and screenwriter Scott Z. Burns employ one twist too many, making things feel a bit silly at times and keeping the film from being truly spectacular. **NED EHRBAR**

Actors leave their Safe Haven

Safe Haven, starring Julianne Hough and Josh Duhamel, opens in theatres next Friday. HANDOUT

Improving on improv. Julianne Hough and Josh Duhamel worked their thespian chops under the direction of Lasse Hallström

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In Safe Haven, a new romantic thriller from director Lasse Hallström and writer Nicholas Sparks, Julianne Hough plays a woman on the run from her past, a role she says was "liberating."

"Everything that I've done prior to this has obviously been performance based," says the star of Footloose and Rock of Ages, "but also very, 'Here is your mark, stand on it. These are your exact lines and these are the songs you are singing.'

"This was very freeing for me. I really felt like they hired me to act. I felt like I grew so much in this because it was scary.

"It is scary to do something that you've never done before. I always say that if I'm afraid, I should probably do it. But you're on your tippy-toes because you don't know what he's going to say next because a lot of it was improvised."

The "he" she refers to is Josh Duhamel, who takes a break from playing Lennox in the Tranformers movies to take on the role of Hough's love interest.

"When I first heard of Lasse's style of shooting, I knew that he liked to be free," he says.

"It's liberating but it also forces you to do much more work because if you change it up you still have to know what each scene is about in order to make the whole movie work. You can't just improv the whole thing because then one scene won't bleed into the next. They started working two weeks before I did and Julianne was like, 'It's great, we improv all day.' What do you mean we improv all day?!"

"The first scene I did with (co-star) Dave Lyons they had us sitting across the table from each other talking," Hough chimes in.

"They said, 'Just talk about anything.' We literally talked about upside down pineapple cake and nothing made sense, and we were like, 'What are we doing?'"

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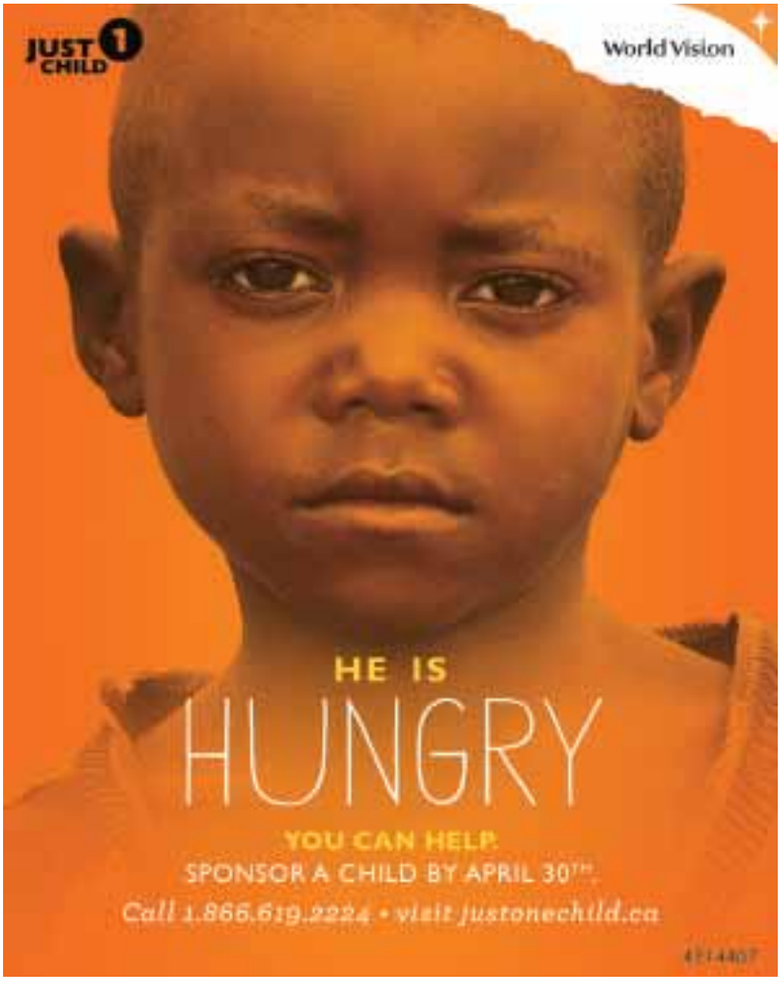

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Everyday is Valentine's Day for Slumdog couple

Slumdog Millionaire co-stars Dev Patel and Freida Pinto, who have been dating for four years, don't have anything special planned for Valentine's Day this year — or any year — they tell Us Weekly.

"I actually am not a big Valentine's Day supporter," Pinto says.

"I don't really celebrate it." Which leaves the perfect opening for Patel to prove what a great boyfriend he is: "Everyday should be a celebration of love," he says. Top that, gentlemen.

THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., FEB.8 TO THURS., FEB. 14. TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. COMPLETE LISTINGS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT METRONEWS.CA/MOVIES.

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3025 Gordon Rd., 306-585-7442

Bullet to the Head (14A) Fri 7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6-8:05
Gangster Squad (14A) Fri 7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 4:15-7:20-9:55 Mon-Wed 5:55-8:40
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) No Passes Thu 5:55-8:40
Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (18A) Fri 7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:20-8:50
Identity Thief (14A) No Passes Fri 7:15-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4:30-7:15-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:25-8:55
Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Lincoln (PG) Sat-Sun 2:45
Les Misérables (PG) Fri 8:30 Sat-Sun 1:35-5-8:30 Mon-Thu 7
Parker (14A) Fri-Sun 7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
Quartet (PG) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:30-7:50
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:55-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:20
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This Is 40 (14A) Fri 6:30-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:30-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:15
Wreck-It Ralph (G) Sat-Sun 1

Galaxy Cinemas Normanview S.C.
420 McCarthy Blvd. N. Unit 26, 306-522-9098

Beautiful Creatures (PG) No Passes Wed 10:30 No Passes Thu 7:15-10:10
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Django Unchained (14A) Fri 3:05-6:45-10:25 Sat 11:25-3:05-6:45-10:25 Sun 12:25-4:35-8:30 Mon-Thu 8:30
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Love Story (18A) Sun 12:45 Wed 7
Mama (14A) Fri 4:35-8-10:35 Sat 12:25-2:55-5:25-8-10:35 Sun 12:25-2:55-5:25-8-10:25 Mon-Wed 7:55-10:20 Thu 7:55-10:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
Movie 43 (14A) Fri 4:50-7:15-9:45 Sat 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:45 Sun 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:45 Mon 9:45 Tue 7:15-9:45 Wed 7:20-9:45
Rise of the Guardians 3D (G) Sat 12:35 Sun 12
Safe Haven (PG) Thu 7:40-10:25
Side Effects (14A) Fri 4:25-7:55-10:35 Sat 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:55-10:35 Sun 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Wed 7:30-10 Thu 7:25-9:55
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Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 3:35-7-10:25 Sat 12:15-3:35-7-10:25 Sun 12:45-4:30-8:15 Mon-Tue 8:15 Wed 9:15

Kramer IMAX Theatre
2903 Powerhouse Dr., 306-522-4629

No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
Sea Rex: Journey to a Prehistoric World 3D (STC) Fri 12:30-3-7 Sat-Sun 12:30-7 Tue-Thu 12:30-3-7
Skyfall: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri 8:15 Sat-Sun 3-8:15 Tue-Thu 8:15
To the Arctic 3D (G) Fri 1:45-4:15 Sat-Sun 1:45 Tue-Thu 1:45-4:15

Golden Mile
3806 Albert St., 306-359-5250

Argo (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-3:45-6:30-9:30 Thu 3:45-6:30-9:30 Thu 1
Flight (14A) Fri 1:10-3:45-6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 3:45-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:35-9:20
Hotel Transylvania (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:50-6:55-9:35
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri 1:30-3:50 Sat 1:30 Sun-Thu 1:30-3:50
Jack Reacher (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:40-9:25
The Last Stand (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-6:50-9:45
Parental Guidance (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-7-9:50
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 7:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4-6:45-9:40

Regina Public Library Film Theatre
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The End of Time (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9 Sun 7
A Late Quartet (14A) Thu 9
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon-Tue
Pusher (14A) Fri 9 Sat 7 Sun 9
Rust and Bone (18A) Thu 7
Wednesday Plus (STC) Wed 7

The Word

'No one commits a crime because they saw a film,' Willis says

Bruce Willis, star of many bullet-ridden films, thinks it's a mistake to try to link violence in entertainment with real-life shootings like the recent incidents in Aurora, Colo., and Newtown, Conn.

"No one commits a crime because they saw a film. There's nothing to support that," Willis tells the Associated Press. "We're not making movies about people that have gone berserk, or gone nuts. Those kind of movies wouldn't last very long at all." Furthermore, Willis isn't a fan of more gun control legislation.

"I think that you can't start to pick apart anything out of the Bill of Rights without thinking that it's all going to become undone," he says. "If you take one out or change one law, then why wouldn't they take all your rights away from you?"

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This one is for all the lovers in the world. Well, at least for all you guys out there who haven't realized that Valentine's Day is this coming Thursday.

Why didn't Cupid just make V-Day the second Sunday of February so we could cook up an easy breakfast in bed for our sweeties accompanied by a glass of bubbly?

That would be too easy. This year, it's a weekday. So, if you're not going out on the town to show your devotion, at least bring her home (or him, girls) a bottle that's the liquid equivalent of an Enrique Iglesias album.

It wouldn't hurt if that vino paired well with a heart-shaped box of bonbons. Chocolate is a palate coating confection, so many wines lose their nuance when paired with it.

Reds work best, with Old Vine Zinfandels, ripe and ready Pinot Noirs and plump, thick-fruited Merlots all having a natural sweetness that gives them the edge if you're trying to match one wine with a variety of chocolate styles.

J. Lohr Estates' 2010 Los Osos Merlot ($19.95 to $22.99) from California's Paso Robles is a chewy burst of deep berry fruit that definitely brings the love.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

This recipe serves two. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Easy romantic dinner frees up time for love

Crab and Hearts of Palm Gratin with Arugula Salad. Make-ahead dish won't keep you in the kitchen

Not planning to go out for Valentine's Day? Time to start planning a special menu for a romantic night in.

This dish is warm, comforting and rich with flavours that say "you're special." It cooks up in a gratin dish, so you can assemble it ahead of time, then when you're ready to eat, just pop it in the oven.

While the gratin bakes, assemble the salad and serve everything together with a crusty baguette.

It's simple, special and perfect for an evening in.

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Place 2 shallow individual-sized casserole or gratin dishes on a baking sheet.

2. Chop the artichoke hearts and hearts of palm into 1/2-inch pieces. In a medium bowl, gently stir the artichokes and hearts of palm with the thyme, lemon zest, cream, fontina, white pepper and crab. Spoon the mixture into the gratin dishes.

3. In a small bowl, stir together the breadcrumbs, paprika, salt and melted butter. Sprinkle over the gratins. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until bubbling.

4. While the gratins bake, make the salad. In a medium bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, mustard and maple syrup. Add the arugula, cherries and almonds and gently toss to coat. Serve topped with sea salt and black pepper. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients

For the gratin
- 14-oz each cans artichoke hearts and hearts of palm, drained
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup grated fontina cheese
- 1/4 tsp ground white pepper
- 12 oz lump crab meat
- 1/3 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 tsp sweet paprika
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tbsp butter, melted

For the salad:
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp maple syrup
- 2 cups baby arugula
- 1/4 cup fresh or dried cherries
- 2 tbsp toasted almonds
- Sea salt and ground black pepper

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Olympics

Price of ski jump could cost official his job

A year before the 2014 Winter Olympics are to begin, President Vladimir Putin has demanded that a senior member of the Russian Olympic Committee be fired, apparently due to cost overruns in host city Sochi — a demand certain to be fulfilled.

The current price tag for the Sochi Games is $51 billion US, which would make them the most expensive games in the history of the Olympics.

Putin's decision came after his tour of Olympic venues, during which he heard that the cost of the ski jump had soared from $40 million to $265 million and that the project was behind schedule.

The official facing dismissal, Akmet Bilalov, had a company that was building the ski jump and its adjacent facilities before selling its stake to state-owned Sberbank last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Skiing

Guay gives course the thumbs down

Defending champion Erik Guay of Canada criticized the men's downhill course at the world ski championships in Schladming, Austria, after training on Thursday, calling one of the jumps "way too big."

Guay said he hurt his back while landing after the 30-metre jump.

"That's ridiculous," Guay said. "Any course you should be able to push in the first training run and not have to worry about injuries like that."

The height of the jump was causing problems because racers land on a flat part of the slope, the skier said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sun shines over the ski stadium during the FIS Cross-Country World Cup in Sochi, Russia, on Feb. 3. The Sochi Olympics are a year away and the weather may be the biggest hurdle to overcome for Russia to claim a success story. IGOR YAKUNIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A warm welcome awaits Olympians

Countdown to Sochi. Weather could prove to be a stumbling block at next Winter Games

Quoted

"They'll be ... doing everything possible to make it into a winter wonderland."

Environment Canada's senior climatologist David Phillips on the Sochi Winter Games

The Sochi Olympics are a year away and already there are worries about Circassian Muslim unrest, transportation headaches and even earthquakes.

But the weather may be the biggest hurdle to overcome for Russia to claim a success story.

If you thought the 2010 Vancouver Games had issues, just wait.

"In Canada, if somebody said, 'Pick the least likely place for a Winter Games,' I would have picked Vancouver and, in Russia, I would have picked Sochi," says Environment Canada's senior climatologist David Phillips.

"I think we think we can fool Mother Nature sometimes."

Sochi was Joseph Stalin's cottage retreat back in the day, where he had his favourite "dacha" or summer house, a bit of a misnomer since it's as big as some modest resort hotels. You can still take a tour.

Think of it as Russia's Florida, festooned with palm trees and located on the northeastern coast of the Black Sea, just a little north of Turkey and northeast of Greece. The climate is classified as subtropical.

Phillips looked at data both for Sochi and the ski resort of Krasnaya Polyana and compared them with Vancouver and Whistler.

The city will be the site of the "coastal cluster" as organizers have dubbed it for arena-based sports, while the "mountain cluster" will host skiing, snowboarding and bobsledding events. Each will have its own Olympic village.

"In Sochi you can enjoy a warm southern sea as well as high, snow-covered mountains," organizers boast.

It can snow in Sochi proper but it's not exactly a regular occurrence, as average daytime temperatures, Phillips says, are around the 9 C range in February. The record though is about 24 C.

That's even warmer than Vancouver, which has an average daytime temperature of 8 C in February, and had more than its share of weather-related problems at the last Winter Olympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Podborski keen on seeing his record broken

If and when Erik Guay breaks Steve Podborski's long-standing record for World Cup podium finishes, Podborski will be the first to applaud the younger skier.

Best known as a former member of the Crazy Canucks, Podborski is also a longtime sport volunteer and Canada's chef de mission for the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

His mission, he said, is to make Canadian athletes better than his generation was — even if that means seeing his own name erased from Canada's record books.

"I want our guys to be better than we were. And so yes, I want Erik to beat me, I want him to beat all my records, I want him to keep on going and get them all knocked off ... because that's what's supposed to happen," Podborski said Thursday from Sochi.

Quoted

"He now knows what's required and I think he's going to be able to win a medal."

Steve Podborski commenting on Erik Guay's maturity heading into next year's Olympics

"I want to be part of that solution. What it would do is lift our athletes up, lift them all up so we all get higher and better. Yes, I want Erik to beat that record. I want him to beat them all. I want him to beat them sooner than later. And then I want someone to come along and beat his records."

The 55-year-old Podborski stood on the World Cup ski podium 20 times, culminating in a victory in 1984. Guay, a native of Mont-Tremblant, Que., has climbed it 19 times, most recently earning a silver in the downhill at Kitzbuehel, Austria, on Jan. 26. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Steve Podborski, Canada's new chef de mission for the 2014 Sochi Olympics, says his mission as a longtime sport volunteer is to make Canada's athletes better than his generation was. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

CIS football

Quebec City to host this year's Vanier Cup

The 2013 Vanier Cup game will return to Quebec City this fall.

Laval University has been selected to host the Canadian university football championship Nov. 23, Canadian Interuniversity Sport announced Thursday.

"We are very excited to return to Quebec City for the 2013 Vanier Cup," CIS president Leo MacPherson said in a release. "We are coming off a very successful Vanier Cup and we strongly feel staging the game at Laval next fall is the best way to build on that success and keep the momentum going as we get set to celebrate our 50th-anniversary edition in 2014."

The Vanier Cup was previously played at Telus-Universite Laval Stadium in 2009 and 2010.

Laval defeated McMaster 37-14 in the 48th Vanier Cup last November. The game was played at Toronto's Rogers Centre in front of a Vanier Cup-record crowd of 37,098.

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CFL

Ex-girlfriend of former Stamps RB tells court he choked her

The former girlfriend of a one-time Canadian Football League all-star testified Thursday that he tried to choke and smother her when she came home and found him in her bed.

Kaitlin Ward, 27, testified she dated Calgary Stampeders running back Joffrey Reynolds for six years before ending their relationship in December 2011 after discovering he had been cheating on her.

She said they were still friends and were trying to determine if they could "salvage" their relationship when she allowed him to stay with her for a couple of days last July after his house went into foreclosure.

Ward said she told Reynolds he had to get out while the two were at a party put on by Stamps receiver Nik Lewis at a bar. She said Reynolds got angry and kicked her in the back of the leg.

When she went home later, she said, he was there waiting for her.

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Tim Raines called to Canadian Hall of Fame

Baseball. Seven-time all-star headlines class that includes George Bell and Tom Cheek

He's still waiting for Cooperstown to call, but Tim Raines can finally say he's a Hall of Famer.

The former Montreal Expos outfielder was named for induction Thursday into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. Also included in the class of 2013 are former Toronto Blue Jays outfielders George Bell and Rob Ducey, as well as former announcer Tom Cheek and longtime minor-league owner Nat Bailey.

No players were elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame this year. Raines was fifth in voting conducted by the Baseball Writers' Association of America with 297 votes (52.2 per cent), finishing short of the 75 per cent required for induction.

"Definitely different types of emotions," Raines said during a conference call. "The emotions of not getting into the Baseball Hall of Fame is something I've been dealing with for five years.

"Getting into the Canadian (Baseball) Hall of Fame ... is the highest honour I've gotten since I played professional baseball, so this is a great moment for me and my family. I was ecstatic about it."

Raines, 53, played left field for six major-league teams from 1979 to 2002, but is best known for his time in Montreal (1979-90). Nicknamed Rock, he was a seven-time all-star and two-time World Series champion as a player — he added a third in 2005 as a Chicago White Sox coach — and retired with a career .294 average with 2,605 hits, 170 homers and 808 stolen bases.

Last month, Raines joined the Toronto Blue Jays as a base-running and outfield coach.

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Tim Raines, pictured as a Montreal Expos outfielder on April 4, 1989, was named for induction into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's class of 2013.

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Cycling. Dallas company sues Lance Armstrong to recover $12M bonus

A Dallas promotions company sued Lance Armstrong on Thursday, demanding he repay $12 million US in bonuses and fees it paid him for winning the Tour de France.

SCA Promotions had tried in a 2005 legal dispute over the bonuses to prove Armstrong cheated to win before it ultimately settled and paid him.

Armstrong recently acknowledged using performance-enhancing drugs after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency in 2012 detailed a sophisticated doping program taking place within his teams. Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France victories and given a lifetime ban from sports.

Armstrong and agent Bill Stapleton, the company contends in its lawsuit, lied and conspired to cheat SCA out of millions. The lawsuit notes that Armstrong repeatedly testified under oath in the 2005 dispute that he did not use steroids, other drugs or blood-doping methods to win, all of which he now admits to doing.

"It is time now for Mr. Armstrong to face the consequences of his actions," said the lawsuit, which demands a jury trial. "He admits he doped, he admits he bullied people, he admits he lied."

Armstrong won the Tour de France every year from 1999 to 2005. The SCA lawsuit seeks to recover $9.5 million in bonus money for winning the race from 2002-04 and another $2.5 million paid to Armstrong for other costs and fees.

The lawsuit names Armstrong, Stapleton and Tailwind Sports, Inc., the team's management entity, as defendants.

Tim Herman, an attorney for Armstrong and Stapleton, did not immediately return telephone messages.

An Armstrong spokesman referred to the original settlement signed in February 2006 by SCA president Robert Hamman and Stapleton, both for himself and Armstrong, that states, "No party may challenge, appeal or attempt to set aside" the agreement, which is "fully and forever binding."

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Lance Armstrong is being sued for $12 million for lying under oath about his use of PEDs. GEORGE BURNS/OPRAH WINFREY NETWORK/GETTY IMAGES

Extended deadline

USADA chief executive Travis Tygart said Wednesday the agency has been in contact with Armstrong and is giving him more time to decide if he wants to co-operate with its investigators.

- Armstrong has until Feb. 20 to work out an interview with investigators under oath.
- The agency has said co-operating in its cleanup effort is the only path open to Armstrong if his lifetime ban from sports is to be reduced.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	10	7	3	0	34	24	14
New Jersey	9	5	1	3	23	20	13
NY Islanders	9	4	4	1	29	30	9
NY Rangers	9	4	5	0	20	25	8
Philadelphia	10	4	6	0	23	27	8

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	9	7	1	1	26	20	15
Ottawa	10	6	3	1	29	19	13
Montreal	9	6	3	0	27	19	12
Toronto	10	5	5	0	25	29	10
Buffalo	10	3	6	1	30	37	7

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	9	6	3	0	40	23	12
Winnipeg	9	4	4	1	27	34	9
Carolina	8	4	4	0	22	24	8
Florida	9	3	5	1	22	33	7
Washington	10	2	7	1	23	36	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	10	8	0	2	33	23	18
St. Louis	9	6	3	0	32	25	12
Nashville	9	4	2	3	20	21	11
Detroit	9	4	4	1	23	28	9
Columbus	10	3	6	1	20	32	7

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	9	5	2	2	24	22	12
Edmonton	10	4	3	3	24	27	11
Minnesota	9	4	4	1	21	24	9
Colorado	10	4	6	0	21	26	8
Calgary	7	2	3	2	20	25	6

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	9	7	1	1	32	23	15
San Jose	10	7	2	1	34	21	15
Dallas	11	5	5	1	23	27	11
Phoenix	10	4	4	2	29	27	10
Los Angeles	8	3	3	2	20	25	8

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Thursday's results
Florida at Philadelphia
Washington at Pittsburgh
Tampa Bay at New Jersey
Calgary at Columbus
NY Islanders at NY Rangers
Montreal at Buffalo
Carolina at Ottawa
Toronto at Winnipeg
Los Angeles at Nashville
Detroit at St. Louis
Vancouver at Minnesota
Chicago at Phoenix

Wednesday's results
Boston 2 Montreal 1
Anaheim 3 Colorado 0
Dallas 3 Edmonton 2 (OT)

Friday's games

All Times Eastern
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Carolina at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Vanek, Buf	8	11	19
Stamkos, TBL	7	9	16
Kane, Chi	6	9	15
Marleau, SJ	9	5	14
Pominville, Buf	6	8	14
Crosby, Phg	4	10	14
Thornton, SJ	3	11	14
St. Louis, TBL	3	11	14
Zetterberg, Det	5	8	13
Pavelski, SJ	5	8	13
Clarkson, NJ	7	5	12
Kunitz, Phg	6	6	12
Conacher, TBL	5	7	12
Enstrom, Win	2	10	12
Malkin, Phg	2	10	12
Couture, SJ	6	5	11
Lecavalier, TBL	4	7	11
Tavares, NYI	4	7	11
Gagner, Edm	3	8	11
Koivu, Ana	3	8	11
Ribeiro, Wash	3	8	11
Staal, Car	7	3	10
Parise, Min	6	4	10
Hossa, Chi	6	4	10
Tarasenko, STL	5	5	10
Hodgson, Buf	5	5	10
Vrbata, Phx	3	7	10

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	32	14	.696	—
d-New York	31	16	.660	1½
d-Indiana	31	19	.620	3
Chicago	29	19	.604	4
Brooklyn	29	20	.592	4½
Atlanta	27	21	.563	6
Milwaukee	25	23	.521	8
Boston	25	23	.521	8
Philadelphia	21	27	.438	12
Detroit	18	32	.360	16
Toronto	17	32	.347	16½
Cleveland	15	34	.306	18½
Orlando	14	35	.286	19½
Washington	13	35	.271	20
Charlotte	11	37	.229	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	39	11	.780	—
d-Oklahoma City	37	12	.755	1½
d-L.A. Clippers	35	16	.686	4½
Denver	31	18	.633	7½
Memphis	30	18	.625	8
Golden State	30	19	.612	8½
Utah	28	22	.560	11
Houston	27	24	.529	12½
Portland	25	24	.510	13½
L.A. Lakers	23	26	.469	15½
Dallas	21	28	.429	17½
Minnesota	18	28	.391	19
Phoenix	17	33	.340	22
Sacramento	17	33	.340	22
New Orleans	16	33	.327	22½

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Thursday's results
L.A. Lakers at Boston
Chicago at Denver

Friday's games

All Times Eastern
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 8 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Denver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
It's OK to get angry if someone has done you wrong but don't take it too far and turn it into a vendetta. It may be frustrating that you can't seem to change their ways but that's just the way it is. Live with it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Read between the lines if you want to find out what is really going on. Once you have cracked the code, you can use what you learn to strengthen your own position. Are we talking blackmail here? Maybe!

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your intuition is trying to tell you something important but the rational part of your mind refuses to accept it. Turn your logic circuits off for a bit and let the deeper part of your nature come through.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Be nice to partners and loved ones today because you will need their assistance over the weekend. Think before you speak or act. Try to see what effect your words might have. It never hurts to look ahead.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The planets will expand your horizons today and help you find interesting things in even the most tedious of tasks. It's not what you do that matters so much as the attitude you choose to take while doing it.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's Mars-Mercury link in your opposite sign may make it seem as if the world is against you but you know it's not true. End this week and start the next in the same fashion: Don't take anything too seriously.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will be rather suspicious as to other people's motives today, to the extent that you turn down their offers of assistance. Later on, you may look back and wish you had not been quite so distrustful.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Certain people need reminding that you are a free individual and not a servant to be used as they see fit. If your present work environment does not suit you, it's time to change it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Put your own needs first and ignore those who say you are being selfish. Maybe you are but there were plenty of times in the past when you sacrificed your own desires to help other people. Remind them of that.

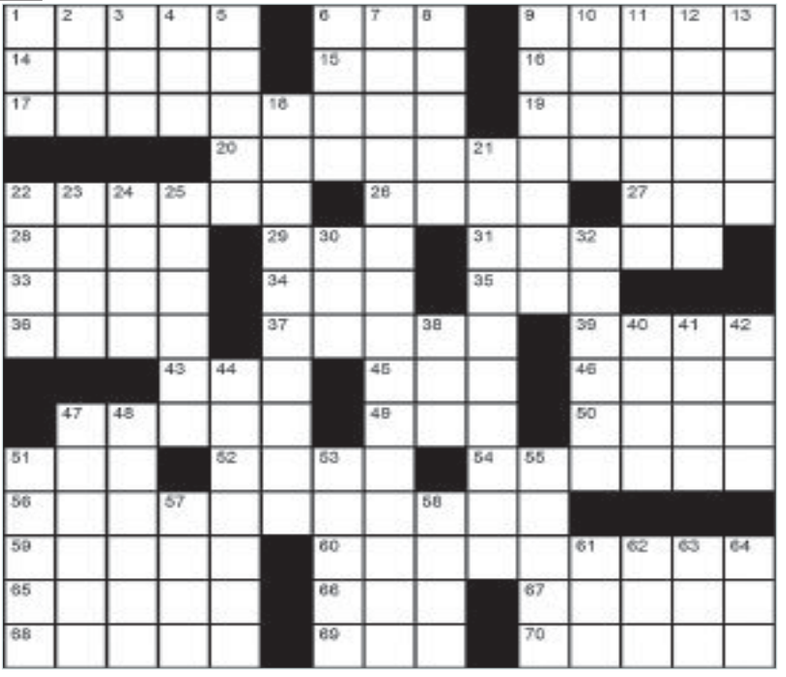
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Try not to be suspicious if a rival pays you a compliment. According to the planets, they are making a genuine attempt to bury the hatchet. Respond in kind and show them you appreciate the effort.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you rely on what other people tell you today, chances are you will head off in completely the wrong direction. The words people use are important, of course, but trust your intuition if it tells you something different.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Mars in your sign makes you determined to get the most out of every minute, and that's good, but don't throw yourself blindly at every challenge that comes along. Your time and energy are precious, so use them wisely. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

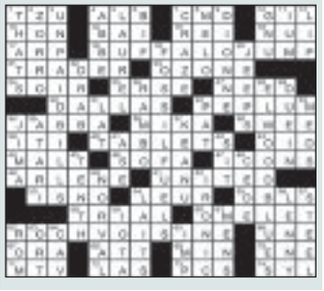
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. UK's Oscar equivalent
6. Shopping or To-Do, e.g.
9. Hairstylist's tools
14. "Let __ __!" (Start!)
15. News agcy.
16. Aunt's hubby, in Quebec
17. Quebec City founder in 1608, Samuel de __
19. "__ Work It Out" by The Beatles: 2 wds.
20. The __ (North-of-Montreal skiing region)
22. Alex of "Jeopardy!"
26. Prefix with 'logical'
27. Pres. Eisenhower
28. Annoy
29. 'Filb' finisher (Nut)
31. Ms. Stefani, and others
33. Role in "The Producers" (2005)
34. Zodiac's roarer
35. 'Pepper' add-on (Pizza topping)
36. Mountain stat.
37. Grams __ __ (Nutritional info)
39. Scientology founder, _. __ Hubbard
43. Hosp. area
45. Numerical prefix
46. Overseas currency
47. Seaweed-wrapped appetizer
49. Bit of Beatles: "Isn't __ _ bit like..."
50. 'Refer' suffix
51. Vienna is its cap.
52. "_ __ dead people." (#13-Down line)
54. Tiger type
56. "Born to Be Wild" band
59. Elvis line: "We're caught in _ __..."
60. 1991 Nirvana album
65. France's longest river
66. "This ___ surprise!"
67. __ space
68. Concluded
69. Cardinals player's baseball cap letters
70. Russian negativess

Down
1. Ballpoint brand
2. Sports fig.
3. Lobster __ Diavolo (Seafood dish with pasta)
4. Director Mr. Burton
5. Crunchy fruit
6. Hawaiian feast
7. "And If Venice Is Sinking" band: 4 wds.
8. Like a fork
9. Calgary's nickname
10. "Dedicated to the __ _ Love" by The Shirelles
11. Canadian frozen fries maker
12. Spaces
13. "The Sixth __" (1999)
18. Banff National Park sight: 2 wds.
21. On the table, as a deal
22. Genuine
23. Streamlet
24. Fashion magazine
25. "__ and Butt-Head"
30. NHL official
32. '80s hit: "Come On __"
38. I am. You __.
40. Ladder step
41. Whale movie
42. Liam's Oasis brother
44. Nicked, as nail polish
47. Canadian real estate company
48. Logging-on name, ___ _
51. Make _ __ (Do store business)
53. Heath's "Brokeback Mountain" (2005) role
55. Actor Zac
57. Canadian actress Jessica of "Mad Men"
58. Face shape
61. Very: Spanish
62. 'Meteor' suffix
63. Hair holder
64. Li'l physicians

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	4	3					8	
6					2		4	
5			1		9	7		
	9			1		5		2
8		6		7			1	
		4	8		3			1
	6		7					3
	3					9	5	

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	9	5	1	3	7	4	2	6
3	2	6	5	4	9	1	8	7
1	4	7	2	6	8	3	5	9
4	6	3	9	5	2	8	7	1
2	1	8	6	7	3	5	9	4
5	7	9	8	1	4	2	6	3
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